

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

1. Call to order: 4:00 P.M. Special meeting January 2, 2009 at
Woonsocket Housing Authority, 679 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Roll Call:

Chairman Albert G. Brien
Vice Chairman Charles Baldelli
Commissioner Lucienne L. Cote
Commissioner Gerard Frappier
Commissioner John Notarangelo
Commissioner Gerard Remillard

Arrived at 4:08 p.m. Commissioner Normand Laliberte

Executive Director, Robert Kulik
Deputy Director, Duncan C. Speel
Attorney Paul Fontaine
Attorney Joseph Rodeo

2. New Business

A. Chairman Brien asked for a motion for Approval of Award of Insurance for General Liability, Umbrella and Auto for the Purpose of Discussion. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Baldelli and seconded by Commissioner Laliberte.

A roll call vote was taken; the following were the

“Ayes” and “Nays”.

AYES

NAYS

Chairman Brien
Vice Chairman Baldelli
Commissioner Cote
Commissioner Frappier
Normand Laliberte
Commissioner Notarangelo
Commissioner Remillard

Chairman Brien began by asking if there were any questions or discussion at this time, being no questions Chairman Brien yielded to Deputy Director Speel who yielded to the Contracting Officer, Robert Kulik, Executive Director. Mr. Kulik stated that we had received a written recommendation from Attorney Rodeo and Attorney Murphy on December 30th then asked Attorney Rodeo to explain the correspondence. At that time, Chairman Brien stated for the record there are reasons why we are deviating from price procedures.

Attorney Rodeo stated out of the 3 bids, one bidder did not provide quotes in compliance with the specs, therefore was automatically disqualified; another agency was not qualified as they did not provide an A+ rating across the board on all three policies. It is recommended that Universal Insurance Co. who provided an A+ rating be awarded the contract in the best interest of the Housing Authority. Chairman Brien asked Attorney Rodeo that if this is awarded to Universal Insurance Co., could any of the other bidders come back on us. Attorney Rodeo stated no because they were not qualified as per the specs.

Attorney Fontaine agreed that this award is in the best interest of the Housing Authority and we should protect and act in the best interest provided by the specs rather than by price.

Chairman Brien reiterated that for the record, we are deviating from the cost procedure to best interest of the Housing Authority.

Attorney Rodeo went on to explain the purpose and importance of the admitted carriers in the state solvency fund and the WHA needs this kind of financial strength as of today.

Chairman Brien asked for a motion to award Insurance for General Liability, Umbrella and Auto to Universal Insurance Agency deviating from the cost procedure to being in the best interest of the Housing Authority. A motion was made by Commissioner Frappier and seconded by Vice Chairman Baldelli.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the

“Ayes” and “Nays”.

AYES

NAYS

Chairman Brien
Vice Chairman Baldelli
Commissioner Cote
Commissioner Laliberte
Commissioner Frappier

Commissioner Notarangelo
Commissioner Remillard

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10. Chairman Brien asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by
Vice Chairman Baldelli and seconded by Commissioner Laliberte at 4:20
P. M.

Roll Call vote was unanimous.

Robert Kulik, Executive Director